



**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
LA PORTE COUNTY PARK  
BOARD

**YEAR**  
2004

**COUNTY**  
LA PORTE

**CATEGORY**  
PLANNING/COORDINATION/  
MANAGEMENT

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$4,392

**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$2,164



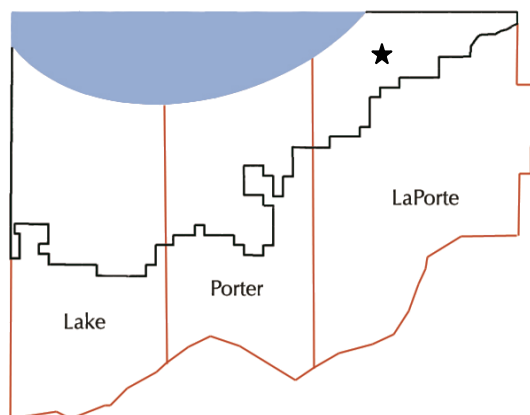
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## Joint Management Plan Sebert County Park and Wintergreen Woods

The LaPorte County Park Board partnered with the LaPorte County Park Foundation and the LaPorte County Conservation Trust to develop a master plan for two properties adjacent to one another. Wintergreen Woods is a State Dedicated Nature Preserve with a conservation easement held by DNR Division of Nature Preserves and Sebert County Park is managed by the LaPorte County Park Department.

Before project implementation, a management plan was needed to guide the future development of the two parcels. The master plan included a final map detailing the plant community, quality, and general location of buildable areas. Rare plant locations were determined by utilizing botanical surveys and GPS technology. As a means of public access, this project planned a trail section in the Wintergreen Woods property, which connects to an already existing trail. Additionally, the two properties are great examples of the economic value and sustainability of natural resource protection. Volunteer stewardship activities also provide an opportunity for hands exposure to this great resource.



**RESULT:** A master plan for Sebert Co. Park and Wintergreen Woods.